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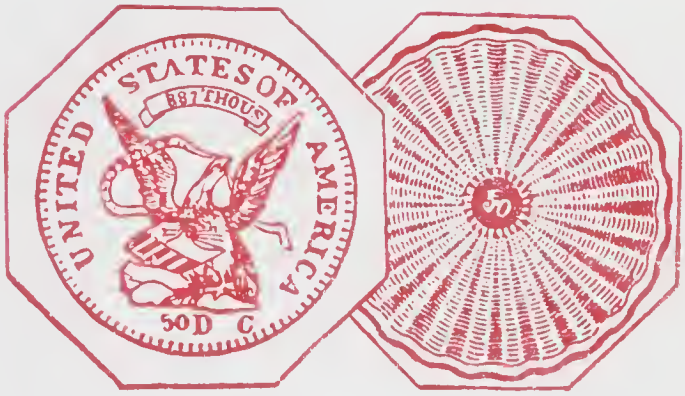

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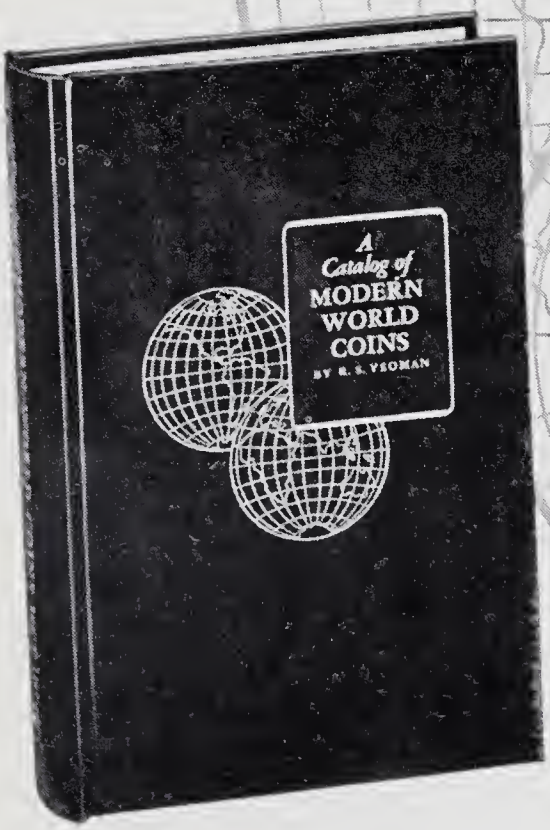

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

e 1960 N.A.S.C. Convention is at hand. Before have a chance to see and take part in the results co-ordination of coin clubs and individual mem- which make up the N.A.S.C.

s is our fifth convention, and it promises to follow attern of the preceeding four successful ones, ex- hat from the experience gained this next one will st a little better.

in Southern California are fortunate in having a number of coin clubs, and new ones forming con- lly, who in turn supply willing workers who meet times during the year to plan our annual conven- thereby making it possible for all to enjoy his en hobby.

At the convention there will be numerous displays Bear in mind that each and everyone of these displays has had many hours of planning, research, and arranging wrapped up in them.

As you look at what the dealers have to offer at the bourse tables, remember they have planned diligently to show what they hope will meet your needs.

The auctioneer too has made plans, many plans, to offer what you want, at your own price, including items you rarely find elsewhere.

The Banquet, Ah!, that is the climax-the get together period of the convention when you meet old friends and you often wonder--"what happens next."

This, the fifth convention, also is the result of much planning throughout the year, by a group of officers and members, all of whom it has been my great pleasure to work with. Not one of them can be accused of "dragging his feet". All were willing and ready to do his part, and the combined result of each one's effort is now at hand.

I have enjoyed occupying this section of the Quarterly and I will close my valediction by saying--thank you for letting me be,

Your President,
Clarence A. Dunbar.

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IS your COLLECTION PROTECTED?

Just recently, Paul Norris of West Los Angeles reported to police the theft of his coin and stamp collection valued at $10,226.00. A few days before the theft, Mr. Norris had rented a room to two young men who are believed to be the ones who broke into Norris' trunk where the collection was kept. The sad story is--coins and stamps are hard to identify, and Mr. Norris had no insurance. His years of collecting ended so sadly and abruptly, that Mr. Norris' interest and enthusiasm waned so low, he avows he will never again do any collecting.

BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS

by Karl M. Brainard

ough unfortunate, counterfeiting has been with us
e the minting of coins began. Still, it is a fasci-
ng subject. Our earliest knowledge of counterfeiting
ars about the year 300 B. C. and continues to this

ave owned counterfeit Jewish shekels, Coins of
ander the Great, coins of the Roman Emperors,
ell as most every modern United States coin. Some
ese coins have been fine specimens and good enough
ss in an everyday transaction; however, most of
(the modern counterfeits) have been very crude
easily detected by the collector.

longer do we have to worry about the counterfeiting
are coin. They are subject to a very close scrutiny
under the glass of an expert, are easily detected.
coins that bother us today are the more modern
such as the 1914-D, the 1909-S-VDB, and the
-S Lincoln cents. Most of us know how to detect
ake 1914-D by the spacing in the date. The 1909-
DB is generally faked by the addition of a tiny S
n is sweated or soldered to the coin. Our latest
erfeiting headache is the 1931-S which is made
the 1951-S, occasionally from the 1937-S, and
dates.

e of the more recent and prevailing fakes is made
the 1937-D Buffalo nickel into the 3-legged variety.
is coin is rapidly appreciating in value, it behooves
look sharply at any we may purchase. Two methods
ecting the counterfeit are: (1) The rear leg nearest
im of the genuine coin is always deeply pitted.
arently the die filled.) (2) Also on the genuine a
diebreak occurs from the front feet leading upward
center of the body.

ongst our gold coins, the $5.00 1909-D mint coin
ily converted to the 1909-O mint which increases
lue tenfold. It also pays to look sharply at the
-D $2.50 gold piece - it may have been altered
a 1914-D.

Damaging to the collector's morale is the counter-feiting of the Grant Memorial Commemorative Hal Dollar. Actually, is this counterfeiting? The onl change made is by the addition of an incuse star in th field on the obverse side of the coin. There is, of cours no question that it is done with the intent to do fraud.

A quick way to determine if the coin is genuine, (th not infallible) is to examine the reverse of the coi opposite the star, where a flattened spot MAY appear

The large cents have played an important part in the activities of these nefarious fakers. First, of course is the 1795 which is easily altered to read 1793. This coin has not caused much worry since the types are different. The 1799 is one of the most common of the altered date large cents, since it is made from a rela-tively cheap 1798. Genuine 1799 coins usually can be identified by the chip in the reverse die between E an T of one and cent. The 1804 large cent has probabl been counterfieted more than any other large cent; b altered dates, casting, and electrotyping. Fortunatel on all genuine 1804 cents the 0 of the date is in line wi the O in OF on the reverse of the coin.

The following is a quote from the Guidebook in regar to the restrike of the 1804 large cent:
"A fake 1804 was manufactured in the U. S. Mint by som employees of that institution about the year 1860 t satisfy the demand for this rare date. This piece i known as the "restrike" but fortunately for collector it was a patchwork job and easily distinguished from genuine 1804 cent. An old rusty die was used for th obverse which makes the field of the coin pitted and die of about the year 1818, which is much different fro an 1804, was used for the reverse."

It is not the author's intention to cast a pall of gloo or to discourage any collector in his search for coi It is merely to help sharpen his wits and to be sure use a good magnifying glass, as well as common se in purchasing coins.

Remember, be suspicious when a rare coin is offer at a bargain price.

ely Pat Williams crowned
en at N. A. A. Stamp and
Club's Christmas Dinner

NORTH AMERICAN CLUB HAS ROYAL TIME AT XMAS DINNER

Lovely Miss Pat Williams of Inglewood was crowned Queen of the N. A. A. Stamp and Coin Club by County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn at the club's annual "Open House" Christmas party held on December 6th.

Many other stamp and coin club members were guests of the N. A. A. club and many interesting displays were exhibited.

The entertainment for the afternoon festivities was produced and dir-
d by Mr. Finn of CBS, and the program featured
udience participation fun and variety show.

een Pat was assisted in her holiday duties by three
cesses, Jackie McCutcheon, Dolores Sims, and
n Nilsson. Miss Margaret Moucheron was the
ired dancer.

e N. A. A. Club meets in the Recreation Center
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day of each month under the direction of the newly
ed president, Al Risi.

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was that the British Railway System was out $50,
ding the price of a rail ticket. An American tourist
for his ticket at a Scottish depot with a $50 bill
ecieved change. "But", said a British railways
sman, "the bill was out of date. It was issued by
onfederate States of America in 1864."

it is not correct to say a Confederate bill is 'Good'
n Britian. Just before the London episode, the
omery Ward store at Lafayette, La., recieved
200 in Confederate bills and a whopping order for
thing from lawnmowers to radios. The store kept
orth, mailed the purchaser a portable radio and
st of her money.

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1943 COPPER PENNY NO. 2 ?

following is the story which appeared in the Los
es Examiner of November 29, 1959:
oin dealer scanned the copper penny before him.
ck and double check. The magnet test, the high
magnifying glass. Rub it, question it. Then in
lds of Lincoln's coat the tell-tale initials, "VDB".
ther 1943 U. S. copper penny-the second thus far-
en discovered--mate to one a 14-year-old Pico-
a, California boy had sold for a reputed $15,000
, two years ago.
latest find turned up in change from an Encino,
rnia super market.
finder, no coin collector, remembered the story
rvin Beyer and his rare penny which appeared in
os Angeles Examiner, February 2, 1957.
same tests performed on the Beyer coin were
on the new find; x-ray spectrograph, specific
ty. A Los Angeles testing laboratory believes
ew coin, like the first, is genuine.

PERSONALITIES IN SOUTHERN CALIF NUMISMATICS

by William H. Spence
Associate Editor

EARL GLEN WHITEHEAD

Another NASC'er who has figured prominently in Southern California numismatics in recent years is Earl Glen Whitehead.

Earl, who is a genuine 'native son", was born in Los Angeles and received his education in Southern California. As a matter of fact his first numismatic acquisition was a $10 gold coin won as a prize for extemporaneous speaking while attending the Army-Navy Academy in San Diego in 1924. This coin he still has in his collection.

Earl collected coins during his boyhood, but as is true of so many of us, his interest waned after a time. Then a coin collection left to him by an uncle re-kindled his enthusiasm. This collection contained some gold coins as well as several commemorative half dollars all of which are still in Earl's possession.

During his youth Earl also was actively interested in little theater activity with special emphasis on lighting and set designing. More recently he has added the hobbies of photography, woodworking, jewelry-making, gun-collecting and gardening.

With the range and extent of these interests, it is almost surprising that Earl has managed to play such a very active role in Southern California numismatics. He maintains active membership in the ANA; CSNS Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and Glendale Coin Clubs, as well as our own NASC. Earl is presently

of the elected Board Members of NASC and is also
ast President, having served as our top executive
ng 1956, and as General Chairman of our Annual
vention in 1957. . This latter experience contributed
e outstanding job he did as General Chairman of
ANA Convention held in Los Angeles in 1958. The
gnition thus achieved prompted his nomination as
ndidate for the ANA Board of Governors in 1959,
h nomination he subsequently declined.

local club activity, Earl is a Past President of the
Angeles Coin Club and has served several terms
s Board of Governors, as he is at present. He is
st President, Board Member and one of the organ-
s of the Glendale Coin Club; and is also 1st Vice-
ident of the San Fernando Valley Coin Club in which
as been actively interested for some time.

an indication of the fact that numismatics can "run
e family", Earl's wife, Gwen, has been Secretary
e San Fernando Valley Coin Club and Treasurer
e Los Angeles Coin Club. Earl's three sons are
coin collectors, making his a numismatic family
t as well as in name.

ofessionally he is a member of the California Bar,
os Angeles Bar Assn., and the Lawyers' Club of
Angeles. He also enjoys the distinction of having
admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of
nited States.

rl's own collecting interests are varied, but he
s toward type sets of various countries as his
cular specialty. These include U. S., Canada,
ii and Cuba. He also collects "cents", both U. S.
oreign (many other countries have the "cent" as
f their denominations); and crowns, especially
of Mexico, his type collection of the latter being
complete.

rl Glen Whitehead is one of those who, by time and
t has contributed so much to Southern California
smatics and to whom we can look for active par-
tion and leadership in the future.

ODDS AND ENDS
by
George Bennett

In answer to some general questions about British proof sets, none of the 1953 sets were publicly issued. This is the set which includes the £5 gold piece.

Something about numismatic "odd and curious" is the fact that cigarettes and playing cards have been used as a media of exchange; cigarettes being still used in many prisons. Playing cards were used as notes in some of the French Colonies.

Occasionally I see in old books the term "Joe" in reference to coins. What are these? Well, "Joe" is a common name for a Portugese coin, the "Joannes". It is a gold coin first issued under John V in 1722. It enjoyed considerable circulation in the New World.

Dr. Pradeaus' book on the coins of Mexico is one of the best sources on the country's early coins. It was proposed that the first coins of the Emperor Augustin of Mexico should bear the coin's inscriptions in the Indian language, and in other respects the coinage was to follow the system of the Spainard. This interesting period of Mexico is much neglected, as is also the Revolutionary period following the resignation of President Diaz.

COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLARS

Phil Glickman in his Coin News column which appears in the Los Angeles Examiner writes:

It hasn't been too long ago that stamp collectors outnumbered coin collectors about three to one, but now it's about even when you come down to who spends the most money.

Among collectors are those who are now specializing in United States Commemorative half dollars.

Beginning with the 1892 Columbus commemorative and ending with the last 1954 Booker T. Washington-Carver coin, the 102 half dollars are finding their ways more and more, into collections. Price trends show that these coins are rising, and now would be the best time to purchase them if you are so inclined.

OS ANGELES COIN CLUB-the December meeting was tended by 240 members and guests. The main busi-ss was the election of officers and board members. ected are: Murray Singer, president: Paul Freestone, t vice-president; Walter Snyder, 2nd vice-president; r. and Mrs. L. Simon, secretaries; Herbert Runner, easurer; and R. H. Schmitt, sergeant-at-arms. ected to the Board of Governors are; Dick Goodson, rl Glen Whitehead, George Bennett, Russ Snyder, m Wood, Lee Kuntz. The club meets on the first iday of the month at 1329 S. Hope Street.

RANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB-at the November meet-g 128 members were present. The passing on of Dr. Glen Curtis was noted by a few well spoken words m Dr. Emmons and Ralph Mitchell. The loss of Dr. rtis will be felt by the club for many years to come. ficers for 1960 were nominated and unanimously el-ted as follows: Dan Harley, president; Herb Bergen, e president: John Rine, secretary; Bill Wiselead, easurer. Elected to the board of directors are: Bill gue; Byron Burke, Dr. C. L. Emmons, Ralph Mitchell, arles Boothe.

LVER CITY COIN CLUB-held election of officers d board members at its last meeting. W. R. Fanning s elected president for the ensuing year; Ernie Hood 1st vice-president; Paul E. Thornburg, 2nd vice-esident; Sandy Hall, treasurer, and Dr. Buford Cris-ll was re-elected secretary. Board members elected e Mrs. Pauline Ney, Mrs. Grace Brainard, Mrs. elma Case, and Mr. John Botti. The club holds its etings the second Thursday of the month at the Cul-r City Women's Club, 3835 Watseka Ave. The eve-g's program which starts at 8 o'clock, usually con-ts of a speaker, door prizes, refreshments, and auction, with Dick Goodson as auctioneer.

RWALK COIN CLUB-elected 1960 officers and board mbers. Those elected are: Harold Hawkins, presi-nt; Donald Dodd, vice-president; Harold Shaw, trea-rer, and Mrs. Harold Hawkins, secretary. Board mbers elected are; C. M. Wheeler; Dr. Curtis Pax-n, Rush Swick; and Bill Ross.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB-announces the election of officers for 1960: President, T. W. Thompson; 1st Vice-President, Earl Glen Whitehead; 2nd Vice President, Norman Johnson; Secretary, Thomas H. Wood; Treasurer, Roscoe Fulks. Members of the Board of Governors are, George Bennett, Murray Singer, Anthony Miller, John Gork, Russell Snyder and Walter Snyder.

LAKE TAHOE COIN CLUB-recently celebrated its first year by having a Coin Festival. The affair ran the gamut of displays, bourse, speakers, slides, auction, snacks, and a cocktail party--the works. Among the guests were Lewis Moorman, Paul Snedaker, Frank Rosas, Roy Hill, and Robert G. McArthur.

CENTRAL COAST COIN CLUB -holds its regular monthly meetings at the I. D. E. S. Hall, San Luis Obispo. The last meeting was presided over by Mrs. Donna Mills. Fifty-three were present, including a number of visitors. The auction was conducted by James Silva. A. N. A. slides were shown. Mrs. Keech's cakes were a highlight of the refreshment period.

WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB-meets fourth Sunday at 2 o'clock at Carpenter's Hall, 7036 Reseda Blvd., in Reseda.

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